

OGC 72-0416

21 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Proposed Reply to [REDACTED] Letter
to Mr. Helms

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1. I attach for your approval a proposed reply to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for my signature. I have prepared it in consultation with Mr.
[REDACTED] None of us
feels any certainty that this will turn [REDACTED] off.

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2. I think a letter signed by you would unnecessarily give
[REDACTED] another name to harass. Signature by you, Mr. Helms
or Mr. Houston would dignify this matter beyond its importance. STATINTL
[REDACTED] suggests that signature by Mr. Helms would be so
final as to any requests to CIA that it might impel [REDACTED] to go
"higher." He means higher in [REDACTED] view, which might mean STATINTL
the White House, Jack Anderson, the Russians or whoever.

3. An argument against signature by me is that I am one of
those he now wants to avoid.

4. [REDACTED] letter to Mr. Helms is at Tab A; the sug-
gested reply is at Tab B. By way of background, Tab C is Mr.
Houston's letter to the U. S. Attorney of 28 January and my letter
to the Assistant U. S. Attorney of 15 February. Also by way of
background, at Tab D are my memoranda of 1 March and 2 March
following our meeting of 25 February with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Associate General Counsel

Attachments

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The recommendation in
paragraph 2 is approved:

Executive Director-Comptroller

Date

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March 10, 1972

Mr. Richard M. Helms
4701 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

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Dear Mr. Helms:

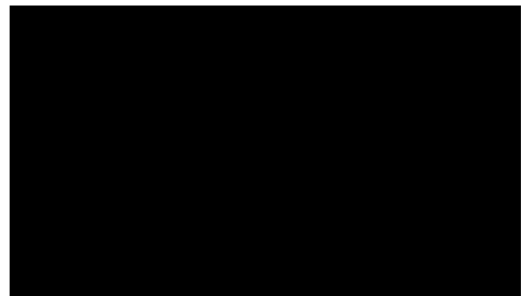
As you are probably aware, the meeting I had on February 25 with [REDACTED] and representatives of the Offices of Personnel and Security did not resolve the issues which exist between the agency and myself. Nonetheless, these issues must be resolved. STATINTL

At the same time, I see no purpose in further meetings with [REDACTED] or representatives from the Offices of Personnel and Security. There can be no wisdom in having agency officials review the improprieties of their own departments.

Therefore, I herein request the opportunity to discuss this matter with you personally at your earliest convenience. Please contact me as to when such a meeting will be possible. I shall expect your reply.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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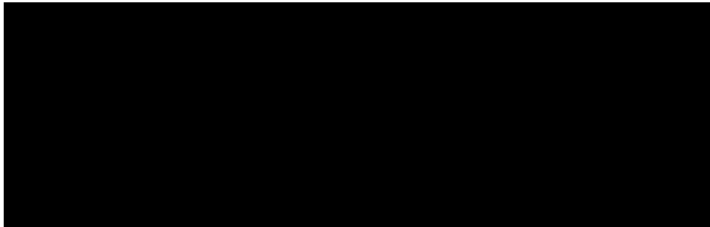
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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I have been asked to reply to your letter of 10 March 1972 to Mr. Helms.

→ Our meeting with you on 25 February, as of course you know, was merely the most recent of numerous conferences and written and oral communications we have had with you extending back over a number of years. We have received from you and considered everything you have wished to make known to us. We have made it clear to you that there is no basis upon which to reinstate you or set aside your resignation or make any financial payment to you or to request the Credit Union to reverse any of its decisions. I have also made clear to you on a number of occasions that our decisions concerning your various claims and requests have not been mine alone but have been made in consultation with appropriate officials in the Agency and have been so approved. (This letter also has been so approved.) Further, the 25 February meeting was arranged specifically in response to your call to Mr. Helms. In these circumstances, Mr. Helms will be unable to meet with you.

I would remind you also that it was the harassing and threatening nature of some of your phone calls to our people which caused us to refer this matter to the United States Attorney.

In view of the above, we see no avenue by which we usefully can continue to meet and communicate with you directly. On the other hand, you may feel that a lawyer or other authorized representative of your choice could advance your claims with us. If you want to seek the assistance of such a person, we will be willing to receive any communications from him and to consider them carefully.

Yours very truly,

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[Redacted Signature]
Associate General Counsel

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Remarks: 1-2: A fine letter to quote DCI when briefed — NB the typo re Credit Union — WFC			
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